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TO: Honorable Richard Peña Raymond, Chair, House Committee on Human Services

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: **HB5** by Frank (Relating to the powers and duties of the Department of Family and Protective Services and the transfer of certain powers and duties to the Health and Human Services Commission.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Family Code, Government Code, and Human Resources Code to separate the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) from the leadership structure of the Health and Human Services (HHS) System and direct DFPS to establish administrative support functions or enter into a contract with the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) or another state agency to provide these functions. The bill would also require DFPS to establish certain divisions and offices within the agency; all required functions currently exist at either DFPS or HHSC. The bill would take effect September 1, 2017.

Based on the LBB's analysis of DFPS and the HHS System, duties and responsibilities associated with separating DFPS from the leadership structure of the HHS System could be accomplished by utilizing existing resources. Currently, HHSC provides administrative support functions for DFPS and the analysis assumes this arrangement would continue on a contractual basis. To the extent functions currently performed at HHSC would under the provisions of the bill be performed at DFPS, this analysis assumes the resources would transfer as well and therefore any associated increased cost at DFPS would be offset by a reduction at HHSC.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 529 Health and Human Services Commission, 530 Family and Protective Services, Department of

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